

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1 1. (currently amended) A method for providing textual information in a network
2 environment, the method comprising:

3 receiving at a server connected to a network from a computer
4 terminal connected to said network, a request via said network for text-editable
5 data;

6 determining whether said text-editable data is stored in a first
7 storage area of said server that is inaccessible to said computer terminal, or in a
8 second storage area of said server that is accessible to said computer terminal;

9 if said determining determines that said text-editable data is
10 stored in the first storage area, then:

11 converting said text-editable data into non-text-
12 editable data on line upon receiving said request; and

13 sending said non-text-editable data via said
14 network from said server to said computer terminal; and

15 if said determining determines that said text-editable data is
16 stored in the second storage area, then:

17 sending said text-editable data via said network
18 from said server to said computer terminal,

19 thereby enabling the server to securely store the text-editable data in the first
20 storage area by conditionally converting the text-editable data into non-text-
21 editable data and by sending the non-text-editable data instead of the text-editable
22 data when a request is received for the text-editable data.

1 2. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said converting
2 comprises converting said text-editable data into a non-text-editable graphical
3 representation of said text-editable data.

1 3. (previously presented) A method according to claim 2 wherein said converting
2 comprises converting said text-editable data into said non-text-editable graphical
3 representation wherein said graphical representation comprises at least one
4 hyperlink.

1 4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 and further comprising
2 displaying said non-text-editable data via a computer terminal display.

1 5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said converting
2 is performed at said server.

1 19. (currently amended) A network-based textual information system comprising:
2 a computer terminal operative to send a request via a network for
3 text-editable data; and
4 a server comprising:
5 a first storage area that is inaccessible to said
6 computer terminal; and
7 a second storage area that is accessible to said
8 computer terminal,
9 said server being operative to
10 receive said request;
11 determine whether said text-editable data is stored (i) in said first
12 storage area, or (ii) in said second storage area;
13 in case (i):
14 convert said text-editable data into non-text-
15 editable data on line upon receiving said request; and
16 send said non-text-editable data to said computer
17 terminal via said network; and
18 in case (ii):
19 send said text-editable data to said computer
20 terminal via said network,
21 thereby enabling the server to securely store the text-editable data in the first
22 storage area by conditionally converting the text-editable data into non-text-
23 editable data and by sending the non-text-editable data instead of the text-editable
24 data when a request is received for the text-editable data.

1 20. (previously presented) A system according to claim 19 wherein said non-text-
2 editable data comprises a non-text-editable graphical representation of said text-
3 editable data.

1 21. (original) A system according to claim 20 wherein said non-text-editable
2 graphical representation comprises at least one hyperlink.

1 22. (canceled)